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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - QDR

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Wednesday morning included a plan by the Japanese government to start a pilot study on a free expressway program.

¶2. "U.S. Must Strengthen International Cooperation against Various Threats" The liberal Asahi editorialized (2/3): "'International cooperation' is the key word for the Obama administration's first Quadrennial Defense Review Report.... The shift from the Bush administration's unilateralism is clear. This is a suitable approach that will be acceptable to the U.S.'s major allies, including Japan and European nations.... In the future, security rules should not be decided only by the U.S. Coordination with Japan and other allies and friends will become increasingly necessary."

¶3. "Attention to Changing Situation in Asia Necessary" The liberal Mainichi argued in an editorial (2/3): "One of the most distinctive points about the recently released QDR is its clear statement that a strategy to 'fight two conflicts in overlapping time frames' is 'outdated.' We basically agree with the U.S.'s new strategy of placing importance on anti-terrorism operations and aiming at winning 'today's wars' in Afghanistan and Iraq.... It is appropriate that the U.S. is focusing on Afghanistan and other nations. But we hope the U.S. will also squarely face the reality that Japan, its ally in Asia, is being exposed to North Korea's nuclear and missile threats."

¶4. "Strengthening of U.S.-Japan Alliance Increasingly Important" The moderate Yomiuri stated in an editorial (2/3): "The expansion of threats in various forms could undermine the U.S. military's forward deployment and

nuclear deterrence. They will also have a serious impact on Japan's security. Close coordination between the U.S. and Japan is necessary.... It is important for the U.S. and Japan to share their views on the security environment in Asia and the world and continue to hold strategic dialogue on their roles and cooperation. In order for the two nations to hold such dialogue, it is crucial that the Futenma relocation issue be settled in May."

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